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Re: Diamond Alkali Superfund Site
Notice of Potential Liability for Response Actions
in the Lower Passaic River Study Area, New Jersey

Dear Ms. Reddy:

This will respond to your letter dated January 23, 2006 addressed to Victor A. Viggiano. Please accept our apology for failing to respond to the earlier letter.

Okonite is actively reviewing the subject matter of your letter of November 9, 2005. I have contacted the EPA and have an appointment to review portions of its files. This review will take place on February 10, 2006. My purpose in doing so is to acquaint myself with the nature of the matter and acquire knowledge in some detail so that Okonite can make an informed decision on the requests in the EPA correspondence.

It would be of significant help to me in this process if the EPA would furnish me with the information on which it premises its view, as referenced in its letter, that Okonite may be a PRP with respect to the Site. Would the EPA be so kind as to forward me that information?

Shortly after my partial file review and receipt of the information requested in the preceding paragraph, Okonite will respond further to the requests in your letter of November 9, 2005.

We thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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